

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the CLAIMS

Claim 23:

- Line 25, replace "displaying a same award" with: -- displaying and providing a same award --.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adam Masia on March 13, 2008.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1,3-12,14-23 and 25-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amendments made to independent claims 1,12 and 23 are sufficient to overcome the closest prior art of record (Ainsworth Nominees Pty. Ltd., AU-B-74936/87; "Crouch").

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Claims 3-11,14-22 and 25-32 depend from claims 1,12 and 23, and are therefore also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MEAGAN THOMASSON whose telephone number is (571)272-2080. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 830-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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